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*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Ralf MARTIN et al.  
Title: APPARATUS FOR ACTUATING  
A CONTROL ELEMENT FOR A  
HEATING OR AIR-  
CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN A  
MOTOR VEHICLE  
Appl. No.: 09/704,791  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 18, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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